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REMARKS

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1. At 3:30 p.m. on 27 July 1953, 16 T-34 tanks, 1 radio truck, 1 field kitchen and an undetermined number of trucks

were entrained at the Wolmirstedt railroad station.

Escorting personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets.¹

2. On 29 July, 9 x 300-mm rocket launchers and about 250 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, were entrained at the Rathenow-Nord railroad station. The unit had come from the Kraftfahrer Kaserne.²

3. On 30 July, 6 x 300-mm rocket launchers and 3 trucks, were detrained at the Dallgow railroad station and subsequently left for the Adler Kaserne.³

4. At about 2 p.m. on 28 July, 8 factory-new canvas-covered rocket launchers, 4 field kitchens, and sedan were detrained in Dallgow-Doberitz and subsequently left for Neues Lager.⁴

5. Unloadings observed at the Dallgow railroad station between 28 July and 1 August included:

28 July. Six x132-rocket launchers from 1 converted boxcar and 6 flatcars, which had arrived from Frankfurt/Oder-border.

30 July. About 25 trucks, 16 x 122-mm field howitzers, and about 250 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets from 18 converted boxcars, 34 flatcars and 1 boxcar, which had arrived from the direction of Forst Zinna, at about 1 a.m.

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About 25 trucks, 16 x 120-mm mortars and about 250 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets from 14 converted boxcars, 28 flatcars and 2 boxcars, which had arrived from the direction of Jueterbog-Altes Lager, at about 3 a.m.

About 10 trucks, 6 x 132-mm rocket launchers and about 60 to 70 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets from 4 converted boxcars, 17 flatcars and 1 boxcar, which had arrived from the direction of Forst Zinna, at about 4 a.m. ³

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1 August. Eighteen armored personnel carriers and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets from 14 gondola cars, 2 flatcars and 1 converted boxcar, which had arrived from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder-border, at about 8 a.m. [redacted]

6. At about 9:30 a.m. on 22 July, a column of about 30 trucks, 1 field kitchen, 3 to 4 motorcycles and several armored scout cars [redacted] passed through Kremmen. At about 4 p.m. [redacted] on 27 July, a shipment of 6 rocket launchers [redacted] about 30 trucks, [redacted] 3 to 4 jeeps, 1 field kitchen and 10 boxcarloads of troops passed through Kremmen, proceeding toward Nauen. ⁵
7. At about 4:20 p.m. on 29 July, 9 x100-mm AT guns, 10 prime movers, 7 boxcarloads of troops, 1 field kitchen and about 10 trucks [redacted] were entrained at the Zehdenick railroad station, leaving toward Loewenberg. ⁵

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8. Between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. on 26 July, a train without engine, carrying 9 rocket launchers, 15 railroad carloads of ammunition and baggage, 15 boxcarloads of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and 30 soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets with air force insignia, was seen at the Koenigswusterhausen railroad station. ⁴

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1. Comment. [redacted] tank units of the 20th Gds Mecz Div were entrained. They probably were tank firing details of the division which, according to reports on transportation, went from Jena to Wolmirstedt on 20 July [redacted]
2. Comment. [redacted] the units, according to weapons and barracks installation, can be identified as belonging to the 25th RL Brig which [redacted] probably transferred to Altengrabow for firing practices. ⁵
3. Comment. The return of the units of the 283d (?) Gds How Arty Regt, the 294th Mort Regt (US) and the 41st RL Bn (US) of the 1st Mecz Div, [redacted] which, on 24 July, had been entrained for Jueterbog, had previously been indicated [redacted]
- The RL battalion, however, had been carried in Altes Lager and not in the Adler Kaserne.
4. Comment. Probably arrival from the USSR of factory-new rocket launchers. Between 22 and 24 July, three shipments of rocket launchers entered the Soviet Zone of Germany via Frankfurt/Oder. Sedan [redacted] belongs to the 1st Mecz Div. ⁵

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5. [redacted] Comment. On 27 July, a rocket launcher unit of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army may have transferred to Altengrabow for firing practices. The [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] is new. [redacted]

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6. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the shipment went to Altengrabow [redacted]

[redacted] The entrained units [redacted] presumably belong to the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.

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